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SUBJECT: BLKAN COOPERATION

1. IN TOAST OCTOBER 21 VISITING TURKISH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KEMAL GIBEN POURED SOME COLD WATER ON PROSPECTS FOR BALKAN COOPERATION. STATING THAT WHILE "IDEA OF BALKAN COMMUNITY IS A FINE, IDEAL GOAL WHICH WE ACCEPT... REALIZATION OF THAT GOAL REUQIRES FIRST OF ALL THAT WELL KNOWN DISAGREEMENTS AMONG BALKAN COUNTRIES BE RESOLVED THROUGH TALKS". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WITHOUT A RESOLUTION OF THESE DISAGREEMENTS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SPEAK OF ANY SERIOUS COOPERATION AMONG BALKAN COUNTRIES.

2. WHILE GIBENS HOST YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV DID NOT MENTION BALKAN COOPERATION IN HIS TOAST, GIBEN'S EXPRESSION OF TURKISH "APPROVAL FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S EFFORTS IN BALKANS" AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED YUGOSLAV RELUCTANCE TO HAVE CARAMANLIS INITIATIVE MOVE TO POLITICAL LEVEL BEFORE THERE MORE PROGRESS ON BILATERAL PROBLEMS IN BALKANS INDICATE YUGOSLAVS AND TURKS SHARE A CERTAIN COOLNESS TOWARD CARAMANLIS APPROACH.

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